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SUBJECT: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING: POLICY STATEMENTS.

1. EMBASSY HAS NOTED THAT COMMENTS ON US POLICY TOWARD KIDNAPPING, WHETHER OFFICIAL STATEMENT OR PRESS TREATMENT OF PREVIOUS USG STATEMENTS, IS APT TO ELICIT SIMILAR STATEMENT BY GOM. FOR EXAMPLE, CG HERMOSILLO SPOKESMAN QUOTED MEXICO CITY PRESS TODAY REFERRING TO USG POLICY OF "NO NEGOTIATION" WITH KIDNAPPERS. (EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT PRESS STORIES BUT HAS REITERATED TO CG PERSONNEL DEALING WITH PRESS THE TENETS OF USG POLICY THIS SUBJECT.) THIS APPARENTLY TRIGGERED PROMPT COMMENT BY MEXICAN AG TO EFFECT THAT GOM WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE EITHER. THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF MACHISMO INVOLVED.

2. FOREGOING RAISES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER TREATMENT OF THIS ISSUE (POLICY OF EITHER USG OR GOM) WHEN PORTRAYED BY PRESS AS "HARD LINE" MIGHT NOT REDUCE POSSIBILITY THAT KIDNAPPERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE CONTACT. EMBASSY AWARE THAT DEPARTMENT ALERT TO THIS ISSUE AND ONLY WASHINGTON STATEMENT OF WHICH EMBASSY AWARE ON US POLICY WAS IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY. EMBASSY SIMPLY WISHES TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF GOM ECHO EFFECT WHICH WIDELY PUBLICIZED HERE.
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